[English]

Removal of Jhuggi Dwellers

5187. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to give monetary compensation to the jhuggi dwellers so as to develop platforms and to open a second entry at New Delhi and Old Delhi railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the Delhi High Court in its decision in the case of Jhuggi Jhonpri Welfare Association VS Thuglakabad Railway Station has held that the JJ dwellers should vacate the railway land within two months; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the light of that decision and to remove the jhuggi dwellers from the land and of the railway causing obstruction in development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Delhi High Court judgement dated July 8, 1996 stated that the Jhuggies should not be removed till 31.8.96.

(d) Eviction proceedings were started but had to be stopped on account of law and order situation.

Restoration of Rail Line

5188. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status in regard to restoration of rail line between Kotipalli and Kakinada in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to acquire the land for restoring this world war II line; and

(c) the time by which the above line is likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The work of restoration of Kakinada-Kotipalli line via Samalkot was included in the Budget, 1995-96, with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining approval of the Planning Commission.

However, the State Government have to first provide free land for the project, in lieu of the land, which has been built upon, after abandonment of the old line. The project can only be considered further, once the State Government makes available the land.

Setting up a Cold Rolling Mill

5189. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given green signal for installation of a new cold rolling mill of Korba in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which the installation is likely to be completed; and

(c) the likely quantity of its product per annum?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The Central Government have not given green signal for installation of a steel cold rolling mill at Korba in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

[Translation]

HPT/LPT in Himachal Pradesh

5190. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of setting up Low-power Transmitters in the country;

(b) whether Low Power Transmitters have been set-up in Simla and other places for the expansion of Doordarshan in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether requisite staff have been provided for maintenance of LPTs in the country particularly in Himachal;

(d) if so, the number of persons appointed therein location-wise;

(e) the details of the staff falling short for LPTs, location wise; and

(f) the time by which the said staff is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The broad criterion for setting up of TV transmitter projects is to provide TV service to hitherto uncovered areas of the country particularly the hilly, backward, tribal, remote, sensitive and border areas.

(b) The existing TV transmitter network in Himachal Pradesh comprises 2 HPTs, 7 LPTs, 21 VLPTs and 2 transposers.

(c) Staff sanction for operation and maintenance of a number of transmitter projects across the country, including LPT (DD-II) at Shimla, have not been received from the competent authority.

(d) and (e) Location-wise number of persons in position